



NEWS RELEASE: THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2007

CLANTON--The Birmingham National Weather Service (NWS) is partnering with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) to hold a joint hurricane season news conference for all media interests in central Alabama. The conference will consist of a short presentation by the NWS, followed by a presentation by the AEMA, and concluding with one-on-one interviews.

With the official start of hurricane season beginning June 1st, the news conference will focus on the 2007 Atlantic hurricane outlook as well as the potential impacts on central Alabama. In addition to discussing the upcoming hurricane season, the NWS will distribute an extensive media packet. This packet will include hurricane facts, climate and previous seasons' statistics, a summary of tropical systems in central Alabama over the past 10 years, and information regarding the effects of global weather patterns on storm development. The AEMA will discuss what the state is doing to prepare for the hurricane season and how to better help families prepare at home.

WHO : Birmingham National Weather Service and Alabama Emergency Management Agency

WHAT : Joint News Conference

WHEN: Thursday, May 31, 2007, at 11am

WHERE: AEMA, 5898 County Road 41 in Clanton (Exit 205 off I-65), on the EOC floor

The news conference will also include information on what can be expected for the rest of the year concerning our current dramatic drought situation and will provide an opportunity for interviews with both agencies on a wide variety of topics.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason B. Wright, Birmingham NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist, at 205-664-7954, or Yasamie Richardson, Public Information Manager, Alabama EMA, at 205-280-2275.

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